AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA	ORIGINATING DEPT: Public Works	ITEM NO. D-18
ITEM DESCRIPTION: Project Solicitation for Federal Highway Enhancement Funds for FY 2006 & 2007		**PREPARED BY:** R. J. Wellner

MN/DOT is seeking candidate Enhancement projects for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Enhancement projects are typically multi-use-path projects. This request is for projects to be let during Fiscal Years 2006 & 2007 (Oct 1, 2005 to Sep 30, 2007). These projects are funded through the Federal Transportation Bill, TEA-21.

The application deadline is February 28, 2003. Local agencies submitting a project must also commit to funding a minimum of 20% of the construction costs, all the design & inspection cost, and all the ROW costs. Mn/DOT normally receives applications for more projects than can be funded. Applications are reviewed and ranked by the Southeastern Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP). Agencies that have successful project applications will be notified in about three months.

Public Works staff has determined that the Bituminous Path parallel to East Circle Drive project would compete well for the federal funding, and we recommend the application be submitted for this project.

Recommended project is the Bituminous Path Parallel to East Circle Drive between TH 14 (near UCR) past
CSAH-2 (near Century High School) and continuing to TH 63 (N. Broadway & East Circle Drive).

Total Project Cost	$881,300
Construction Cost	$717,750
Grant Funding Requested	$570,000
DNR Grant (Separate Application)	$100,000
City Funds	$207,100

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a resolution acknowledging the City's support and sponsorship of the path project, authorizing the City Engineer to act on the City's behalf in filing and administering this application including a commitment to secure and guarantee the local share of the project costs including the construction costs, all the design and inspection costs, and all the ROW costs.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by:_____ Second by:_____ to: